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OF EARTHQUAKE ALERT MESSAGE TO EUROPEAN ALLIES

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SUBJECT: NATO CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING (CEP): TEST OF  
EARTHQUAKE ALERT MESSAGES VIA NATO-WIDE CIRCUITS

PASS TO RESPONSIBLE DISASTER ASSISTANCE OFFICE(S) IN EACH CAPITAL.

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1. TO IMPLEMENT AGREEMENT OF CCMS FALL PLENARY MEETING OCTOBER 12/13 1976 AND SUBSEQUENT ACTION IN THE CEP CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE, THE US WILL SEND MESSAGES OF TECHNICAL DATA ON EARTHQUAKES RECORDED IN THE US NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE CENTER VIA NATO-WIDE CIRCUITS.

2. EARTHQUAKES REGISTERED AS DESTRUCTIVE WOULD BE REPORTED IN DETAIL INCLUDING THEIR STRENGTH, TIMING AND EPICENTER. IT IS INTENDED THAT THIS INFORMATION - EXPLICITLY HANDLED - WILL ALERT NATIONAL STAFFS AND FACILITATE COORDINATED RESPONSES TO THE SUBSEQUENT REQUESTS OF THE AFFECTED COUNTRY.

3. RECIPIENTS OF THIS MESSAGE ARE INVITED TO ADVISE VIA NATO-WIDE BY FEBRUARY 4 THE ADDRESSEES TO BE USED IN FUTURE MESSAGES. RESPONSES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO NATO HEADQUARTERS WITH INFORMATION TO OTHER NATO CAPITALS INCLUDING WASHINGTON. PLEASE ADVISE TIME OF RECEIPT.

4. FOLLOWING IS SAMPLE OF THE MESSAGE YOU WILL RECEIVE IN EVENT OF A QUAKE VIA THE NATO-WIDE CIRCUIT:

SAMPLE STANDARD CABLE REPORTING EARTHQUAKE IN EUROPE  
DIRECTLY TO THE ALLIES VIA NATOWIDE  
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TO AIG 6006 (NATO HQ, NATO COMMANDERS, FOREIGN OFFICES)  
AIG 6007 (NATO HQ, NATO COMMANDERS, DEFENSE MINISTRIES)  
AIG 6016 (CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICIALS)

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SUBJECT: REPORT OF EARTHQUAKE IN (PLACE)

THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (U.S.G.S.) NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION SERVICE AT GOLDEN, COLORADO RECORDED A SHALLOW EARTHQUAKE OF SIX POINT TWO (6.2) ON THE RICHTER SCALE AT 38.2 NORTH AND 20.3 EAST IN VICINITY OF (POPULATION CENTER), AT 080714 ZULU MAY 77. THIS IS A SAMPLE. THIS IS A SAMPLE.

5. THE US MECHANISM, WHICH OTHER COUNTRIES MAY WISH TO ADOPT OR ADAPT, WILL FUNCTION AS FOLLOWS:

TO EXPAND THE USEFULNESS OF THE CEP DISASTER RELIEF  
CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM VIA NATOWIDE, THE AID OFFICE OF

FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (OFDA), WHICH RECEIVES EARTH-  
QUAKE INFORMATION WHEN IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE SCALE  
OR LOCATION (I.E. POPULATED CENTER, ETC) INDICATES A  
DESTRUCTIVE EARTHQUAKE, WILL PASS THIS DATA IMMEDIATELY  
TO THE ALLIANCE WITH PREFORMATTED NATOWIDE CABLES.  
THE OFDA, AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AID),  
US DEPARTMENT OF STATE, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ORCHESTRATING  
THE RESPONSE OF USG DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES IN TAKING  
AND SUSTAINING RELIEF ACTION IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR  
ASSISTANCE FROM DISASTER-STRICKEN NATION OF THE WORLD.  
OFDA HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXCHANGING INFORMATION  
WITH NATO HEADQUARTERS CONCERNING THE US RESPONSE TO MAJOR  
DISASTERS IN MEMBER COUNTRIES.  
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6. ON DISASTER RELIEF-RELATED CABLE TRAFFIC, OFDA  
ROUTINELY INCLUDES THE US MISSION GENEVA FOR THE IN-  
FORMATION OF THE UN DISASTER RELIEF ORGANIZATION, GIVEN  
UNDRO'S WORLDWIDE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COORDINATION  
OF DISASTER RELIEF.

7. US ADDRESSEE SLUG LINE SHOULD READ: AIDAC FOR OFDA.

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